

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

The Honorable Gerald P. Carmen
Administrator
General Services Administration
Washington, D.C. 20407

Dear Mr. Carmen:

For a number of years, this Agency has worked closely with the General Services Administration (GSA) to improve the services and responsiveness of GSA in supporting the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). These efforts have had mixed results. A dialogue was initiated by my predecessor to improve this situation by suggesting that GSA delegate more authority to CIA in the leasing, operation, and maintenance of both Government-owned and -leased buildings occupied by the Agency.

We were extremely pleased that Admiral Freeman and Mr. Ray Kline engaged the National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA) to evaluate GSA's role within the total framework of the Federal Government. We have read their report with interest and are appreciative of the fact GSA authorized the study and subsequently shared the results in an effort to improve government efficiency and your agency's responsiveness.

As a customer agency, we were approached by NAPA for our views as to GSA's role and responsiveness. This Agency prepared such report for NAPA and also provided a copy of our study to Mr. Ray Kline by memorandum dated 3 November 1980. An additional copy is enclosed for your convenience.

Our report proposed that specific authorities be delegated to the CIA. As the NAPA report now recommends that GSA delegate to program agencies the authority to perform their own administrative services under the Office of Management and Budget policies and GSA rules, the purpose of this letter is to request that the authorities identified in our report (summarized in the executive summary) now be delegated to this Agency.

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With the exception [redacted] our interest is to continue to initially depend on GSA for the majority of our support. The delegations will enable the Agency to use internal resources to meet the support requirements of time-critical missions or of unusually complex or atypical support requirements where internal processing is both more efficient and responsive.

There are enclosed with this letter two proposed delegations of authority. It is believed they accurately reflect the thrust of the NAPA study recommendations and our mutual desire to improve GSA support to this Agency. Again, this Agency commends GSA for undertaking this important study.

Sincerely,

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for
Administration

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